GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:631
ANSWERED ON:06.05.2003
UNION CARBIDE GAS TRAGEDY
PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any investigation has been made with regard to the presence of hazardous chemicals in the environment after the Union Carbide Gas tragedy in Bhopal;

(b) if so, the facts details thereof;

(c) whether any action plan has been formulated to make ineffective such hazardous chemicals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.631 TO BE ANSWERED ON 6.5.2003.

(a) & (b): The Government of Madhya Pradesh had sponsored studies throughNEERI, Nagpur, and IICT, Hyderabad. Three private NGOs have also conductedsome studies. The result of some of these studies suggest the presence of toxic waste at the site of the Union Carbide plant.

(c) & (d): The Government of Madhya Pradesh has formulated a proposal forcleaning up the plant site. The cost of undertaking this work was estimated at Rs.50 crore.